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1. SUMMARY. FEBRUARY 3-6 VISIT TO TALLIN PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY FOR COMPARISON OF FOOD PRICES AND AVAILABILITY IN ESTONIAN CAPITAL WITH SITUATION REPORTED FOUR WEEKS EARLIER (REFTEL). IN SURVEY INVOLVING MANY OF SAME STORES SAMPLED IN JANUARY, WE FOUND MOSTLY UNCHANGED FOOD PICTURE. TWO EXCEPTIONS: CHICKEN, EARLIER IN SHORT SUPPLY, HAS NOW DISAPPEARED FROM STORE SHELVES. AND BEEF AND MUTTON, WHICH WERE NOT EARLIER OBSERVED, ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ONE STATE STORE. END SUMMARY.

2. KAUPUS RAE AT RAEKOJA 8 WAS SELLING BLOOD LOAF AT 1.00 R PER KILO; KOLBASA AT PRICES RANGING FROM 2.80 R TO 2.10 R PER KILE; PORK CHOPS AT 3.40 R.

3. VIRUVARAVI STORE AT VIRU 23 OFFERED BACON AT 2.50 R IN QUITE GOOD SUPPLY; SECOND-QUALITY EGGS AT 95 KOPECKS FOR TEN; KOLBASA AT 2.20 R.; KOSTROMSKIY CHEESE AT 2.90 R; ESTONSKIY CHEESE AT 2.90 R.; HOLLAND CHEESE AT 3.70 R.

4. AS IT HAD DURING THE PREVIOUS SURVEY, THE PYARNUSSKOYE SHOSSE FISH STORE OFFERED EGGS AT 95 KOPECKS AND ADEQUATE

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QUANTITY AND VARIETY OF FROZEN FISH. THERE WERE GENERALLY

ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF DARK BREAD BUT WHITE WAS STILL ONLY AVAILABLE IN BETTER RESTAURANTS.

5. PRODUCE STORE AT MUURIVAHE 16 HAD LARGE SUPPLES OF POTATOES AND BEETS, SOME OF WHICH WERE BEING UNLOADED AS WE SHOPPED. THE TWO TRUCKLOADS OF POTATOES WE SAW WERE LOCALLY GROWN. BEETS WERE SOLD FOR 30 K PER KILO; CARROTS 20 (; TURNIPS 12 K; APPLES 1.20 R; DRIED APRICOTS 1.49 R; RAISINS 1.94 R; LEMONS 25 K. STILL NO ONIONS. CUBAN AND MOROCCAN ORANGES SOLD FOR 1.20 R. AT A NEARBY STORE.

6. MEAT STORE ON VANA VIRU OFFERED KOLBASA AT 2.10 R, 2.20 R AND 2.80 R PER KILO; BACON AT 2.50 R; PORK AND SOME MUTTON FOR 1.80 R PER KILO. DECENT-LOOKING BEEF SOLD FOR 1.90 R, BUT SUPPLIES WERE QUITE LIMITED. STOESEL

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